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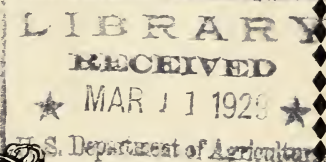
## Strawberry Plants

GROWN AND FOR SALE BY

H. H. BENNING

CLYDE, NEW YORK

1929



No. 1216

State of New York

Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Certificate of Inspection of Nursery Stock

This is to Certify That the Strawberry Plants of H. H. Benning of Clyde, County of Wayne, State of New York, have been duly examined in compliance with the Agriculture and Markets Law and have been found to be apparently free from all injurious insects and plant diseases. This certificate is valid until September 1, 1929.

Dated, Albany, N. Y., September 1, 1928.

BERNE A. BYRKE, Commissioner.

By GEO. G. ALWOOD,

Director, Bureau of Plant Industry.

# **IMPORTANT**

## **Please Read Before Ordering**

In issuing this modest little circular, we aim to save the cost of an expensive catalog and give our customers the benefit by selling plants at as low a cost as good plants can be grown.

In describing the varieties we grow we endeavor to give a fair and honest description. We do not follow the practice of some nurserymen of booming in exaggerated terms some so-called new variety and selling the plants at a big price, only to be a disappointment to the purchaser. Often these are some old variety with a new name, or if something new it is no better, or even as good as the old standard sorts. All orders are filled with fresh dug plants.

These are not grown in sand, but in strong, heavy, loamy soil where they develop into strong well-rooted plants. We have received many compliments regarding the size and vigor of our plants.

We take extra care to have our plants true to name, but in case any should prove otherwise, we will not be responsible for more than the amount paid us for the same.

Complaints regarding shortage, etc. must be made immediately after arrival of plants. If the fault is ours we will make it good.

Varieties marked (Imp) have pistillate blossoms, and will not fruit

unless planted near some varieties having perfect blossoms, but when so planted are, as a rule, the best yielders.

Cash must accompany all orders unless other terms are made.

If your order consists of several varieties, use care in unpacking to prevent the mixture of varieties. You will usually find strips of heavy paper between the different varieties, with wooden tags in a few bunches of each variety.

Every order is promptly acknowledged by card. One and two cent stamps are taken for orders for less than one dollar. IF OF ONE VARIETY, fifty at hundred, and five hundred at thousand rates. We do not ship in the fall.

We shall do our best to serve and please you and endeavor to ship your plants as near the date you want them as possible. But, if they do not reach you at just that time, please remember that the shipping season is short and that many others are waiting for their plants at the same time. Also, at this season we usually have more or less rainy days, and sometimes a whole week of wet weather. This severely interferes with our shipping plans. Also, we must depend for our work on hired help, and sometimes they fail to appear when we need them.

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## **EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES**

The everbearing (fall bearing) strawberry is no longer an experiment but can be grown as easily as the spring varieties though the yield in the fall is not as heavy. However, the yield of this variety in the spring is fully equal to that of the regular spring kinds. If the plants are set in April or early May they will bear fruit the same year. The first blos-

soms should be pinched off as the plant is not sufficiently developed to bear fruit without injury to the plant. If this is done until about July 1st the plant will begin to ripen berries in August and continue 'till freezing weather. What could be more pleasing than to step into the garden at any time in the fall and pick a quart of sweet, luscious red strawberries?

The berries picked from the patch the same season the plants were set will pay for the plants and the labor of taking care of them. Try at least 100 plants this season.

## Description of Varieties

**Bubach.** (Imp) This old standard variety was once one of the most popular sorts grown. Makes a moderate number of strong stocky plants. Berries are large, showy and of good flavor.

**Big Joe.** On account of its good shipping qualities this is one of the leading berries grown by large growers in the eastern part of the country. In season it is medium late, productive, good size and of good quality. Plant is strong grower and free from rust and leaf spot.

**Bliss.** This is called the supreme quality berry. This variety and Boquet are recent introductions of the N. Y. State Experiment Station at Geneva and are both highly recommended by its introducers. We have grown both varieties during the past two seasons and are very much pleased with them. Would suggest that our customers try them both.

It is a medium late handsome berry of exceedingly good quality. It is bright red, glossy and uniform in size and shape. The plants are healthy and stand drought better than the average variety.

**Boquet.** (See Bliss). The berries are large, light red with the flesh colored to the center. It is a heavy yielder and retains its size well through the season. Quality is above the average but not equal to Bliss. The plants are vigorous and healthy and like Bliss stand dry weather well. Firm and stands shipment well.

**Brandywine.** Season medium late. The berries are large, heart shaped, firm flesh and medium red color. Have a rich spicy flavor. A valued variety. A good canner and shipper.

**Chesapeake.** A large handsome, firm, heart shaped, late berry. Makes

a good shipper and on account of its late season brings good prices. Makes a moderate number of strong stocky plants.

**Cooper.** This is one of the new varieties for which the introducers have made great claims but with us it's not above ordinary. The berry is very large and sweet but has a short season. Plants are large and upright.

**Gandy.** The standard late berry all over the country. Does best on moist soil. Medium large.

**Gibson.** Berries are large, dark red and is one of the most popular and profitable berries grown. A heavy yielder and good canner.

**Glen Mary.** Large, handsome and of fine flavor. Very vigorous and productive.

**Haverland.** (Imp) Exceedingly productive. Fruit large. One of the most popular and well tested varieties. A good, sure berry for main crop, if on moist soil.

**Jessie.** A very large, fine flavored berry for home use. Many use it for fertilizing Bubach. An old standard variety and very popular.

**Premier.** A new early variety with a long picking season and highly recommended by the Geneva, N. Y. Experiment Station. Its leading qualities are a big crop of solid crimson berries, uniform in size and shape and a long picking season. It is a strong, healthy, well rooted plant that does well in practically all soils and one of the best frost resisters.

**Sample Dunlap.** This is one of the most popular berries grown both for garden or market. It will do well in all kinds of soil and will stand neglect and still yield a good crop of fine berries. It is the ideal canning berry and also an excellent table variety. The fruit is dark red, medium to large in size, good flavor and productive. The plant is vigorous and makes a liberal supply of new sets.

**Stevens' Late Champion.** A good



all-around, large, late berry that does well on a great variety of soils. A good fertilizer for Sample. If your soil is not adapted to Gandy, try this variety.

**William Belt.** A standard for quality. Good bearer of medium late, large berries. Holds out well through the season.

## EVERBEARING VARIETIES

**Progressive.** This is the old popular standard variety. Gives a large crop of medium sized sweet berries.

**Superb.** Quality same as Progressive and larger but will not yield as well.

**Champion.** We have had but little experience with this variety but it has been extensively advertised as a good variety for the garden. Berries are

sweet and of medium size.

**Mastodon.** This is a comparatively new variety and is advertised as the best of all the fall bearing varieties. We cannot yet speak from experience. The berry is large and of good quality. The spring crop from the plants is equal to that of good spring varieties.

## PRICES

	By Mail Prepaid.	By Express or Parcel Post.		
		Charges Paid by Purchaser.		
	100	100	300	1000
Bubach (Imp)	\$1.00	\$.90	\$2.50	\$6.00
Big Joe	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Boquet	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Brandwine	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Bliss	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Corsican	1.00	.90	2.25	6.00
Cooper	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Chesapeake	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Gandy	1.00	.90	2.00	5.00
Gibson	1.00	.90	2.00	5.00
Glen Mary	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Haverland (Imp)	1.00	.90	2.00	5.00
Jessie	1.00	.90	2.00	5.00
Premier	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Sample (Imp)	1.00	.90	2.00	5.00
Stevens' Late Champion	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Senator Dunlap	1.00	.75	2.00	5.00
William Belt	1.00	.90	2.50	6.00
Fall Bearing Mastodon	1.50	1.25	3.00	10.00
Fall Bearing Champion	1.25	1.00	3.00	9.00
Fall Bearing Progressive	1.25	1.00	3.00	9.00
Fall Bearing Superb	1.25	1.00	3.00	9.00

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REFERENCES—Postmaster of Clyde or Citizens Bank of Clyde.